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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN SUPPORT OF A "SOLEMN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES"
IN SOUTH AFRICA DEBATE

REF (A) LUSAKA 0845, (B) USUN 0739

1. AFTER DISCUSSING ISSUES RELATED TO THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING
IN NEW DELHI (REFTEL A), DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS SIYOLWE BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF THE UN RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED THE EMBASSY
TO BE AWARE OF THE GRZ' THINKING ON THIS MATTER.

2. SIYOLWE EXPLAINED THAT THE GRZ ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF A
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN A RESOLUTION. THIS ACCEPT-
ANCE WAS OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION;
THE GRZ RECOGNIZED THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT HAD THE
TIME TO FORMULATE ITS OVERALL POLICY TOWARDS SOUTHERN AFRICA.
FURTHER, THE GRZ WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THE ARGUMENT THAT THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE SPARED THE EMBARRASSMENT OF USING THE
VETO SO SOON AFTER IT HAS TAKEN OFFICE. SIYOLWE SAID THAT OTHER
AFRICAN DELEGATIONS TO THE UN, WITH UNSPECIFIED EXCEPTIONS,
SHARED THE GRZ' VIEWS.

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3. SIYOLWE EXPLAINED THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP IN THE UN HAD
AGREED THAT A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE
TABLED. HOWEVER, THE RESOLUTION WILL NOT BE BROUGHT UP FOR
CONSIDERATION. BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES
WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S
REAL INTENT TOWARDS SOUTHERN AFRICA. IF BY JUNE THE NEW ADMINIST-

RATION HAS TAKEN NO MEANINGFUL STEPS TO MOVE SOUTH AFRICA ON
RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, SIYOLWE SAID THE RESOLUTION ON SOUTH
AFRICA WILL BE BROUGHT UP FOR CONSIDERATION AND VOTE.
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